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Dear Reader,

BRIDGE This Resource Guide has been redesigned with your needs in mind. All of the OUT-OF-SCHOOL-TIME SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH have been organized by geographic area or Cambridge neighborhood to better enable you to view the variety of services available to you right within your community! The Out-of-School Time services include: Community Schools, Youth Programs, and Child Care Afterschool Programs. Programs and services are divided into these areas: East Cambridge/Wellington-Harrington; Mid-Cambridge/Area IV; Cambridgeport/Riverside; West Cambridge; North Cambridge; and Agassiz/Neighborhood 9. All other programs and services that are offered city-wide appear in the Resource Guide under these easy to follow categories: EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES; ADULT/FAMILY EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT; YOUTH EMPLOYMENT; RECREATION; SENIOR SERVICES; and COMMUNITY SERVICES. Additionally, you can find a cross-referencing index of programs and services at the back of the Resource Guide to enhance your ability to quickly locate a particular program.

We hope you find this new format helpful as you select from the many fun and exciting programs offered throughout our Cambridge community. For additional information regarding any of the programs listed in this Guide, you can visit the Department of Human Service Programs' website: www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2.

Sincerely,

Staff of the Department of Human Service Programs

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### Out of School Time Services for Children & Youth

The Department of Human Service Programs offers several different types of out of school time programs for children and youth throughout the City. Through the Community School Programs, enrichment classes are offered in every elementary school for children K-8 everyday afterschool. Classes begin early in the fall. Families can register for one or more classes per day. Through the Childcare Program, licensed afterschool programs are offered in four elementary schools for children in grades K-1 and 2-5. Programs begin the first day of school. Through the Youth Programs, licensed programs for preteens 9-13 operate in five youth centers around the city. Evening Programs are offered for teens 14-18 at each of the youth centers.

For more general information about the programs, see the descriptions below. In the pages that follow these general descriptions, the individual programs are listed by neighborhood to help families locate programs near or in their child's school or in their neighborhood.

#### **Community Schools**

The Division of Community Schools provides a network of neighborhood services offering educational, cultural, social and recreational opportunities for all age groups. Through 12 Community Schools located in each elementary school, Directors work with their respective Neighborhood Councils to assess community needs and to create high quality, cost effective Out of School Time programs to address them, including after school enrichment classes, two extended day programs with the School Department, full-day summer and vacation camps. All programs have been adapted to include participation of children with special needs. Registration for the fall quarter begins in September. See individual Community School Program listings for registration dates. Registration also occurs in January for the Winter Quarter and in April for the Spring Quarter.

The Community Schools provide programs that foster community, such as Summer Arts in the Park, Camp Information Night, cultural and social events for families and senior citizens, and children's performances in music, dance and theater. Participants in these programs represent the racial and ethnic diversity of Cambridge. Community Schools also collaborate with local cultural and social service organizations. Tuition assistance is provided in all aspects of programs.

#### AfterSchool Childcare Programs

The Childcare and Family Support Division offers licensed afterschool programs for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. Parents have the option of enrolling children for two, three or five days per week. Programs offer a multi-cultural curriculum designed to improve children's positive social development and academic achievement through project based learning. All programs have been adapted to include children with special needs. Enrollment is ongoing. Many programs have waitlists, families are encouraged to seek enrollment well in advance of anticipated start dates. Families may be eliqible for partial scholarship. To apply for assistance, complete the Tuition Assistance Request Form at the time of enrollment. Programs are offered at the Peabody, King, Fletcher Maynard and Morse Schools.

#### **Youth Programs**

The Cambridge Youth Programs offer diverse, high quality programs that promote leadership and youth development through enrichment activities, unique experiences, and opportunities to develop relationships with adults and peers. Our programs enable Cambridge youth to thrive and feel a sense of belonging, resulting in young adults who are ready for future employment, higher education, citizenship and adult life.

The Cambridge Youth Programs operate two distinct programs within each Youth Center—an after school Preteen Program and an evening Teen Program. Programs are designed to be in alignment with national research, promoting youth development and leadership. Additional programs are also offered during the school vacation weeks and summer months.

The Pre-teen Leadership Program provides a safe, fun environment for youth ages 9 to 13 from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC). While each Youth Center offers its own distinct programming, all of the Centers offer homework assistance, healthy snacks, leadership development opportunities, sports leagues, arts, community service and enrichment activities. Programming is enhanced through partnerships with several local organizations including: "e" inc., the Math, Science and Technology Initiative of the United Way of Mass. Bay, Harvard's After School Initiative and the Cambridge Police Department.

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The Agassiz/ Neighborhood Nine neighborhood is served by two Community Schools. Each program is described below. Both the Baldwin School and Graham and Parks School are located in this neighborhood.

#### Agassiz Baldwin Community, Inc.

20 Sacramento St. Cambridge, MA 02138 Community Liaison: Phoebe Sinclair (617) 349-6287 x10 psinclair@agassiz.org

#### Agassiz Community School

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Agassiz Baldwin Community (ABC) offers preschool and school age afterschool programs during the public school year and Outback, a school age summer program. Programs are staffed by experienced or certified teachers and licensed by MA Dept. of Early Education and Care. Additionally, ABC sponsors groups for parents with infants/toddlers, and offers youth ages 12 to 14 years an opportunity to volunteer working in the afterschool program or with staff in the administrative office. For information on children's programs, contact Michelle Quinlan, Director of Children's Programs at (617) 349-6287 x11 or email mquinlan@agassiz.org.

#### Agassiz Neighborhood Council

ANC provides a forum for discussion and action in the community. Monthly meetings are generally held on the third Wednesday of each month, with the exception of July and August. Residents are also encouraged to read our monthly newsletter "The Whistler" to keep abreast of neighborhood news, events, and children's program activities.



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#### Linnaean Neighborhood Council and Community School at the Graham and Parks School

44 Linnaean Street Cambridge, MA 02138 Director: Mary Ellen Breen (617) 349-6267 mbreen@cambridgema.gov

Welcome to the Linnaean Neighborhood Council & Community School Programs. We hope you and your family will find some worthwhile courses to join. If not, please express your ideas for future planning by dropping by the Community Center any weekday between 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. via the Walker Street entrance. Your needs are our concern.

The Linnaean Neighborhood Council invites you to join and give your support in planning programs, obtaining access to space, identifying neighborhood needs and determining community concerns and issues. Meetings are held evenings with dinner and childcare provided.

#### **Registration Procedures**

Formal registration will be held in the Community Center on Tuesday, September 11th from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Thereafter, registrations will be accepted daily beginning on Wednesday, September 12th between 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. or left in the Community School mailbox in the Graham and Parks main office. Please use the Walker Street entrance of the Graham and Park School. Classes begin the following week.

These classes fill very quickly, so early registration is advised. A waiting list is kept for all classes. Afterschool bus transportation is provided to Linnaean Community School by calling Cambridge Public Schools Transportation (617) 349-6862. Partial financial aid is available for those who qualify.

Course offerings include: Afterschool Activities Club, Study Hall, Piano, Super Soccer, Endangered Species "The Big Cats", The Art of Fencing, Dungeons and Dragons Club, Espanol, Simple Sewing, Basic Knitting, Kung Fu for Kids, Self Defense for Boys and Girls, Girl Power Kung Fu, Francais Pour Les Petits , Lire et Ecrire en Français, Postcards from China, Pretenders Drama Club, Players Drama Club, Jamnastic Games, Gymnastics and Acrobatics, Singing and Music, Songwriting, Friday Fun Club, South American Folktales and Art, and Dance Team

Contact us for our Fall brochure with additional classes or visit online at www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2

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# East Cambridge/Wellington Harrington

The East Cambridge/Wellington Harrington neighborhood is served by two Community Schools, one Youth Center and one Extended Day program. Each program is described below. Both the Kennedy-Longfellow School and King Open School are located in this neighborhood.

# Harrington Neighborhood Council and Community School at the King Open School

850 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Director: Crisalida Rebelo (617) 349-6305 crebelo@cambridgema.gov

The Harrington Neighborhood Council plans programs and activities for children, adults, senior citizens and families in the Harrington/Wellington Neighborhood at the King Open School.

The Council consists of King Open School parents, residents, small business owners, and representatives of non-profit organizations and City departments.

Over the past years, the Harrington Neighborhood Council worked closely with City departments in addressing safe neighborhood concerns. Through this effort, community crime watch groups were established.

The Harrington Neighborhood Council meets regularly on the last Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. All neighborhood residents and members of the school community are welcome to attend.

All registration takes place at the Community School office. If you cannot register in person, you may drop your registration in our mailbox. Full fee is required at registration. Make check or money order payable to the Harrington Community School. Partial financial assistance is available to qualifying families. Please request a financial aid application from the Program Director. Income documentation is required.

#### Registration begins

Monday, September 10 through Friday, September 14 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Enrichment classes will begin Monday, September 17. Classes are held between the hours of 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Fees range from \$60.00 to \$130.00 per class per 12 weeks.

Courses offerings include: Homework Assistance and Literacy, Ballet, Food Frenzy, Book Crew Club, Piano or Guitar, Acrylic Painting, Safari Animals, Tae Kwon Do, Fencing Basics, Drumming To the Beat I & II, Piano, Science Club for Girls, Cub Scout Troop, Clay Works/Ceramics, Wood Sculptures/Crafts for Kids!, Big Messy Ocean Art, HEAT Club (Healthy Eating & Active Time), Strong Women, Strong Girls, Spanish Language, Make & Take Crafts Club, Fabric Art, Tea Party, Yoga, The Girls Club, Chess for Beginners, Gardening & Crafts, Chess Club, Out of the Blue, Sports Time, and Creative Writing.

Contact Cris Rebelo for the Fall brochure with additional classes or visit online at www.cambridgema. gov/DHSP2

#### Kennedy Neighborhood Council and Community School at the Kennedy Longfellow School



158 Spring Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Director: Sharon Kenney (617) 349-6308 skenney@cambridgema.gov

The Kennedy Community School is part of the Kennedy Neighborhood Council.

The Neighborhood Council meets regularly to discuss issues that affect programs for children and adults in the Community School. Also discussed are senior citizen trips, recreational activities, summer park activities and special events for families and community. The Community School sponsors a Halloween party in October for the school and neighborhood.

We want to build positive relationships with our families. Help us achieve this goal.

Attend the Kennedy Neighborhood Council meetings. Call us at (617) 349-6308 for meeting dates and times.

Course offerings include: The K-LO Kids Club, Homework help, Piano lessons, Clay creations, Mad Science, End of day fitness, Creative crafts, All sports, Skill based computer class, Chess club, Spanish I, Clara's sewing bee, Strong Women, Strong Girls, Storytelling adventure, World beat, Open Gym, and Celebrating Friday.

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Registration begins Thursday, Sept. 6, and continues through Sept. 14. Most classes begin Sept. 17. The fall session is over Dec. 21.

Contact us for our Fall brochure with additional classes or visit us online at www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2.

#### Frisoli Youth Center

61 Willow Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Director: Steve Christo (617) 349-4497 schristo@cambridgema.gov

The Cambridge Youth Programs goal is to enrich the lives of youth aged 9-18 by promoting leadership skills, and providing them with a safe stimulating environment in which to grow. Programs are offered through a network of five youth centers located in different neighborhoods of the City. The Frisoli Youth Center includes classroom space, meeting rooms, gymnasium and easy access to parks and fields. The leadership program for youth 9-13 is a licensed program operating Monday through Friday providing academic support, recreation, enrichment activities, field trips and community services. The program has been adapted to serve children with special needs.

The Youth Center also offers evening programming for teens ages 14-18. Programs include employment assistance, homework help, literacy programs, drama, science, cooking, trips, computer labs, and work based learning programs.

#### Registration:

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#### Leadership Program (ages 9-13)

M-F 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. \$50 per session Session one: Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007 – Friday, January 4, 2008

Session two: Monday, Jan 7, 2008 -

Thursday, June 19, 2008

#### Teen Program (ages 14-19)

Mon-Fri evenings

\$10 per year, includes membership to all 5 youth centers Program begins Mon., September 10, 2007

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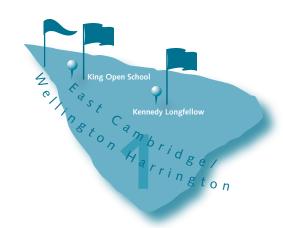
#### King Open Extended Day Program



850 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Director: Bucky O'Hare (617) 349-6078

bohare@cambridgema.gov

The King Open Extended Day Program serves King Open School students and their families in a positive and safe out of school time setting that promotes the social, emotional and intellectual development of children in grades K-6. Staff facilitate a two-way relationship between the children's school day and afterschool experiences. The program provides children with opportunities to explore the world around them and develop their interests and talents through project-based learning, hands-on, crossgrade and enrichment activities, field trips and other fun and engaging experiences. The program operates weekdays during the school year from the end of the school day until 6:00 p.m., including early release days and vacation weeks. Tuition is based on a sliding fee scale determined by family size and income, and starts at \$290 per month. Vouchers are accepted and limited scholarship money is available.



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The Mid Cambridge/Area IV neighborhood is served by three Community Schools, one Youth Center and one Afterschool program. Each program is described below. The Fletcher-Maynard Academy, Cambridgeport School and Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School are located in this neighborhood.

#### Fletcher Maynard Academy Community School and Neighborhood Council

225 Windsor St Cambridge, MA 02139 Director: Hyzenthalay Shiver (617) 349-6295 hshiver@cambridgema.gov

**Program registration** will begin the week of September 10th. Registration is on a first come first serve basis. Class spaces are limited. For More information please call (617) 349-6295.

The neighborhood council extends a heartfelt invitation to all community members. We would like to hear your input on ways to improve our programs, neighborhood and overall community. If you are interested in joining our team, please come to our "Council Kick-Off" dinner at the Fletcher Maynard Academy on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria For more information regarding any program or meeting call Hyzenthalay Shiver at (617) 349-6295.

Course offerings include: Edible Art, Sports Mania, Broken Fingers, Lego Land, Board Games, Chef's Paradise, Imagination Station, Arts & Crafts, Advanced Hip-Hop, and T.G.I.F.

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# Cambridgeport Neighborhood Council and Community School

89 Elm Street Cambridge, MA 02139 Director: Wade Lindhorst (617) 349-6307 wlindhorst@cambidgema.gov

The Cambridgeport Community School and Neighborhood Council meets quarterly and plans programs and activities for children, adults, families and seniors citizens. Our Council consists of Cambridgeport School parents, senior citizens, and neighborhood residents. We are always looking for additional members. Annual events that the council has done include our annual Halloween party at Sennott Park and over the last 5 years our Annual Grand Prix Derby. We have also hosted neighborhood crime meetings and neighborhood block parties.

**Registration** will begin the week of September 11th at 3 p.m. And will be on a 1st come 1st serve basis

Classes begin the week of Monday, September 17, 2007 and will run through Friday, December 21, 2007.

Please call (617) 349-6307 for more information.

Course offerings include: Creative Movement, Scrapbooking, Ceramics, Messy Hands, Piano Lessons, Lego World, Theater Games, Dungeons & Dragons, Drumming w/ Jafar, Science Spectacular, Group Guitar Lessons, Model Magic, Storybook Characters Book Club, Clay Creations, Floor Hockey, Let's Build It, Science Club for Girls, Go Girl Go, Hot Wheels, Podcasting, Mixed Media Art, Sewing & Knitting, Gymnastics, Hip Hop, and Cartooning

Contact us for our Fall brochure with additional classes or visit us online at www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2

# Longfellow Neighborhood Council and Community School

359 Broadway Cambridge, MA 02139 Director: Penelope Kleespies (617) 349-6260 pkleespies@cambridgema.gov

The Longfellow Neighborhood Council is a group of Longfellow area residents who care about their neighborhood

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and who meet together regularly to discuss the issues which affect this community. Such issues may include programming for children and adults in the Longfellow Community School, activities in the neighborhood parks during the summer, park renovation and maintenance, special events such as potluck dinners, and seasonal events such as Halloween parties and neighborhood caroling. Successful programs such as our Music Program, "Home Sweet Home", "Evenings With Longfellow" and "The Snow Park" will continue as well as our ongoing initiative, The Longfellow Neighborhood Council Historical Project. If there is a particular class or activity that you would like to see us offer, please let us know.

Any interested adult living in the area is welcomed to join the Council. Council meetings are at 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in the council office. For further Longfellow Council information, please call Penelope Kleespies at (617) 349-6260.

Music Classes begin September 10th, 2007. Term ends December 14th, 2007. Scholarship assistance is available. Registration forms are in the Program Director's office. Please call or stop by for more information. To reach the council office, use the Favette Street entrance. Council doorbell is on your right.

Contact us for our Fall brochure with additional classes or visit us online at www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2

#### **Area 4 Youth Center**

243 Harvard Street Cambridge, MA 02139 Director: Allen Platt (617) 349-4490 aplatt@cambridgema.gov

The Cambridge Youth Programs goal is to enrich the lives of youth aged 9-18 by promoting leadership skills, and providing them with a safe stimulating environment in which to grow. Programs are offered through a network of five youth centers located in different neighborhoods of the City. The Area 4 Youth Center includes classroom space, meeting rooms, gymnasium and easy access to parks and fields. The leadership program for youth 9-13 is a licensed program operating Monday through Friday

providing academic support, recreation, enrichment activities, field trips and community services. The program has been adapted to serve children with special needs.

The Youth Center also offers evening programming for teens ages 14-18. Programs include employment assistance, homework help, literacy programs, drama, science, cooking, trips, computer labs, and work based learning programs.

#### Registration:

#### Leadership Program (ages 9-13)

M-F 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

\$50 per session

Session one: Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007 - Friday, January 4,

Session two: Monday, Jan 7, 2008 - Thursday, June 19, 2008

#### Teen Program (ages 14-19)

Mon.-Fri. evenings

\$10 per year, includes membership to all 5 youth centers Program begins Monday, September 10, 2007

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#### Fletcher/Maynard Afterschool Childcare Program

225 Windsor St. Cambridge, MA 02139

The Afterschool Program is designed to meet a child's need for both independent and structured activities. The multi-cultural curriculum encompasses a wide range of child-directed and teacher directed activities such as science, literacy, drama, ethnic cooking, and the sharing of traditions. Challenging indoor and outdoor games are provided as well as quiet time and homework time. A nutritious snack is served each afternoon. Enrollment is ongoing but programs often have waitlists. There is one classroom for children entering Kindergarten through fourth grade. The program hours are 1:55 p.m. to 5:55 p.m. For more information call (617) 349-6296 or contact the Childcare Program Enrollment Coordinator at (617) 349-6254.







# Cambridgeport/Riverside

The Cambridgeport/Riverside neighborhood is served by two Community Schools, one Youth Center and two Afterschool programs. Each program is described below. The Amigos School, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School, and Morse School are all located in this neighborhood.

# M.L. King Jr. Neighborhood Council and Community School

100 Putnam Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139 Director: Catherine Park (617) 349-6269 cpark@cambridgema.gov

The mission of the Neighborhood Council is to identify neighborhood needs and concerns and to plan and promote new programs. The neighborhood council serves the local community and the children and families of the King and Amigos schools by providing a variety of enrichment and social opportunities for children and adults. We also sponsor community events and activities, such as early release day activities for school children, community gatherings, neighborhood park improvements, winter and spring vacation programs and summer camp.

New Council members are welcome at any time. Please call us at (617) 349-6269 for information on upcoming meetings.

#### **Financial Assistance**

Partial financial assistance is available for income qualified students. Please request an application from the director.

#### Registration and Payment

Registration will start on Tuesday, September 11 through Friday, September 14. During this time, our office will be open for registration from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Registration will continue until classes are filled. Please note: We will notify you ONLY if you are closed out of a class.

Most classes start on the week of Sept. 17 and end on Friday, Dec. 21.

Full payment is required at registration. Please pay by check payable to Martin Luther King Community School.

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#### **Refunds and Cancellation Policies**

While we try to accommodate as many children and families as possible, some classes fill up quickly and we may not be able to accommodate last minute enrollees. We will give a full refund for any classes cancelled by the Community School. Refunds will also be given to participants who drop a class before the second meeting.

Course offerings include: Snack & In/Outdoor Activities, Bookmaking & Story Art, Paper Arts and Origami, Theater, Gym Games, Science for Everyone, Ballet, African Drumming, LEGO Mania, Swimming Lessons at the Y, Mixed Media Artworks, Painting/Drawing with Pilar, Natures with Habitat, Tae Kwon Do, Craft Club, Simple Sewing, Cooking and Baking, Chess, Music Instruction in Piano and Violin, Fiber Art, and Introduction to Fencing.

Contact us for our Fall brochure with additional classes or visit us online at www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2

# Morse Neighborhood Council and Community School

40 Granite St. Cambridge, MA 02139 Director: Stan Rogers (617) 349-6291 srogers@cambridgema.gov

The Afterschool Enrichment program offers some new and existing classes and as well as old favorites. Snacks will be served for children taking more than one class. Registration starts September 4th (from 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Tuesday –Friday) with classes starting September 17th and ending Thursday, December 20th. Some financial aid is available. The Neighborhood Council will be reconvening in the fall to plan programming and discuss neighborhood issues.

Course offerings include: Homework Help, Loge Constructions, Comic Life, Computers, Storytelling Adventures, Candle Making, Mat Ball, Open Gym, Guitar Lessons, Jr. Achievement, Woodworking Projects, Advanced Drawing & Painting, Introduction to Photography, Double Dutch, World Beat-Hip Hop Dance, Arts & Crafts, Short Stories & Poems, Intermediate Chess, Chess for Beginners, Soccer, Circus Acts, Theater Games & Acting, Sculpture, Piano





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Lessons, Violin Lessons, Fun With Food, Jr. Chef, Nerf Dodge Ball, Ballet, Sewing, Introduction to Drawing, Intermediate Drawing & Painting, Ceramics, Clay Projects, Parachute Games, Floor Hockey, Karate, Jewelry Making, X-Box Games, V-Smart Games, Board Games & Karaoke, Jump Rope Skills, and Woodworking Projects.

#### **Moore Youth Center**

Gilmore Street
Off Western Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139
Director: Patricia Bradshaw
(617) 349-4492
pbradshaw@cambridgema.gov

The Cambridge Youth Programs goal is to enrich the lives of youth aged 9-18 by promoting leadership skills, providing them with a safe, stimulating environment in which to grow. Programs are offered through a network of five youth centers located in different neighborhoods of the City. The Moore Youth Center includes classroom space, meeting rooms, gymnasium and easy access to parks and fields. The leadership program for youth 9-13 is a licensed program operating Monday through Friday providing academic support, recreation, enrichment activities, field trips and community services. The program has been adapted to serve children with special needs.

The Youth Center also offers evening programming for teens ages 14-18. Programs include employment assistance, homework help, literacy programs, drama, science, cooking, trips, computer labs, and work based learning programs.

#### Registration:

#### Leadership Program (ages 9-13)

M-F 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

\$50 per session

Session one: Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007 – Friday, January 4, 2008

Session two: Monday, Jan 7, 2008 – Thursday, June 19, 2008

#### Teen Program (ages 14-19)

Mon.-Fri. evenings

\$10 per year, includes membership to all 5 youth centers Program begins Monday, September 10, 2007

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#### King Afterschool Childcare Program

100 Putnam Ave. Cambridge, MA 02139

The Afterschool Program is designed to meet a child's need for both independent and structured activities. The multi-cultural curriculum encompasses a wide range of child-directed and teacher directed activities such as science, literacy, drama, ethnic cooking, and the sharing of traditions. Challenging indoor and outdoor games are provided as well as quiet time and homework time. A nutritious snack is served each afternoon. Enrollment is ongoing but programs often have waitlists. There are two classrooms, one for children entering Kindergarten through second grade and one for children entering third grade through sixth grade. The program hours are 1:55 p.m. to 5:55 p.m. For more information call (617) 349-6271 or contact the Childcare Program Enrollment Coordinator at (617) 349-6254.

#### Morse Afterschool Childcare Program

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40 Granite St., Cambridge, MA 02139

The Afterschool Program is designed to meet a child's need for both independent and structured activities. The multi-cultural curriculum encompasses a wide range of child-directed and teacher directed activities such as science, literacy, drama, ethnic cooking, and the sharing of traditions. Challenging indoor and outdoor games are provided as well as quiet time and homework time. A nutritious snack is served each afternoon. Enrollment is ongoing but programs often have waitlists. There are two classrooms, one for children entering Kindergarten through second grade and one for children second grade through fifth grade. The program hours are 1:55 p.m. to 5:55 p.m. For more information call (617) 349-6039 or contact the Childcare Program Enrollment Coordinator at (617) 349-6254.



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# West Cambridge

The **West Cambridge neighborhood** is served by two Community Schools and one Youth Center. Each program is described below. The Haggerty School and the John M. Tobin School are both located in this neighborhood.

Tobin Neighborhood Council and Community School

197 Vassal Lane Cambridge, MA Director: Liz Lewis (617) 349-6300 elewis@cambridgema.gov

Welcome to the Tobin Community School program. Our goal is to provide quality programming for children, adults and senior citizens. We encourage and invite anyone to join our neighborhood council to help plan for new programs and discuss neighborhood issues and concerns.

#### **Financial Assistance**

Partial Scholarships are available to qualifying students. Financial Assistance Applications are available in the Community School Office.

#### Registration begins:

September 10, 2007

#### Classes begin:

September 17, 2007

and end: December 21, 2007

A drop in activity program begins Monday, September 10 but children must be pre-registered.

Registrations are accepted on a first come-first serve basis.

Course offerings include: Laps, Raps & Snack, Homework/ Activity Center, Spanish, Floor Hockey, Creative Critters, Private Piano Lessons, Little Picasso's Painting, Karate, Jewelry Making, Computer Lab, Circus Stars, Clay Creations, Funtime w/ Katie, Around the World, Super Soccer, Woodworking, Open Gym, Mystical-Magical Math, Super Snacks, Fitness Fun, Fun with Food, Legomania, Music Songs & Games, Play Acting Drama, Chess Club, Computer Lab, Literacy Club, Sports Mania, Drama Players, Art Works, Creative Maskmaking & Puppetry, After School Science Club, Story Art, Hoops, Strategic Games, Open Gym, Gymnastics, Art Explorations, "Funtastic Fridays", Urban Safari, and Gym Game Fun

Contact us for our Fall brochure with additional classes or visit us online at www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2

# Haggerty Neighborhood Council and Community School

110 Cushing Street Cambridge, MA Director: Amanda Hockman (617) 349-6264 ahockman@cambridgema.gov

The Haggerty Neighborhood Council & Community School offers year round activities to all age groups, including school age enrichment courses, out-of-school time activities, vacation and summer camps, family events, adult courses, and senior trips and activities.

#### **Neighborhood Council**

The Haggerty Neighborhood Council is currently seeking new members who are committed to helping the Council identify the needs, concerns, and interests of the community. We are also trying to identify members who will assist in the planning and promotion of new programming for all age groups. Please contact Amanda Hockman at (617) 349-6264 for further information.

#### **Enrichment Program**

#### **Dates & Times**

Courses begin on Monday, September 17th and will run through Friday December 21, 2007. The enrichment program begins each day at 1:55 p.m. with 25 minutes of outside/gym playtime. Daily snacks will be provided. A fee of \$15 will be charged to cover this playtime and snack period per registered day. {\$15 covers all Mondays' Snack & Play throughout the Fall program. \$30 will cover all 2 days (i.e. Mondays and Tuesdays) snack & play during the Winter program, etc} Classes will begin at 2:30 p.m. Course times and dates may vary due to the curriculum needs or if they are taught by an outside organization. Courses will not meet on early release days due to scheduled enrichment activities.







# West Cambridge -

#### Registration and Fees

The registration process will occur on Tuesday, September 6th from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Everyone must register in person, no exceptions. Registration will be ongoing.

Payments should be made by check or money order payable to the Haggerty Community School. Although we encourage payment in full at the time of registration, a weekly or monthly payment option is available.

#### **Scholarships**

Need based, partial scholarships are available. Please request a Financial Aid Form from the Program Director. Income documentation is required.

Course offerings include: Outside Play/Snack, Ballet, Tennis Lessons, Cooking & Baking, Clay Creations, Fun at Fresh Pond, Homework Workshop, Computer Workshop, Fall Fever, Storytelling, World Beat, Painting, Basketball, Arts & Crafts, Soccer, West African, Percussion, Cartooning, Folk Art, Flag Football, NFL Draft, Writer's Workshop, Private Piano Lessons, Nature Detectives, Circus Art, Haggerty Youth Council, Yoga, Knitting & Crocheting, Basketball, Dance, and Thank Goodness It's Friday

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#### West Cambridge Youth Center

19-1A Corcoran Park Cambridge, MA 02138 Director: Melissa Castillo (617) 349-4489 mcastillo@cambridgema.gov

The Cambridge Youth Programs goal is to enrich the lives of youth aged 9-18 by promoting leadership skills, providing them with a safe, stimulating environment in which to grow. Programs are offered through a network of five youth centers located in different neighborhoods of the City. The West Youth Center includes classroom space, meeting rooms, gymnasium and easy access to parks and fields. The leadership program for youth 9-13 is a licensed program operating Monday through Friday providing academic support, recreation, enrichment activities, field trips and community services. The program has been adapted to serve children with special needs.

The Youth Center also offers evening programming for teens ages 14-18. Programs include employment assistance, homework help, literacy programs, drama, science, cooking, trips, computer labs, and work based learning programs.

#### Registration:

#### Leadership Program (ages 9-13)

M-F 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

\$50 per session

Session one: Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007 – Friday, January 4,

2008

Session two: Monday, Jan 7, 2008 - Thursday, June 19,

2008

#### Teen Program (ages 14-19)

Mon.-Fri. evenings

\$10 per year, includes membership to all 5 youth centers Program begins Monday, September 10, 2007

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# North Cambridge

The **North Cambridge neighborhood** is served by one Community School, one Youth Center, the Middle School Partnership, and one Afterschool program. Each program is described below. The Peabody School is located in this neighborhood.

# Fitzgerald Neighborhood Council and Community School at the Peabody School

70 Rindge Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02140
Director: Carolyn Rodrigues
(617) 349-6302
crodrigues@cambridgema.gov

The Fitzgerald Neighborhood Council has provided quality programs for all ages for the past 30 years. The Council invites all neighborhood residents and Peabody School parents to join. Your input on community issues, programming and development and identification of neighborhood needs is welcomed. For more information call Carolyn at (617) 349-6302.

Fitzgerald Neighborhood Council and Community Schools Fall Meeting: Wednesday, October 3, 2007.

Council meeting to be held at the Peabody School 70 Rindge Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140, Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Registration for the Fall Program will be on going starting September 10 from 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Classes will begin on Monday, September 17, 2007. Classes do not meet when school is not in session, however vacation activities are offered. Payment must accompany all registrations; no refunds are issued after the second week of classes. Some financial assistance is available. Note: Classes and activities listed here are subject to change.

Course offerings include: Piano Lessons, Gym Hockey, Basketball, French Lessons, Crafts and More, Circus Arts, Paper Capers, Mix It Up Painting, Girls Group, Hangin' with the Guys, Karate Class, Lego Mania / Play Dough, Gymnastics & Tumbling, Swedish Dodgeball, Fun With Food, Sports & Games, City Sprouts, Peabody Playhouse, Sewing Class, Hip Hop Dance, Cooking Class, Computers Science Club, Bowling, and Park & Play

Contact us for our Fall brochure with additional classes or visit us online at www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2

#### The Gately Youth Center

70R Rindge Avenue Cambridge, MA 02140 Director: Meaghan McCabe (617) 349–4499 meghanm@cambridgema.gov

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#### Middle School Partnership Program

70R Rindge Avenue Cambridge, MA 02140 Director: Adam Corbeil (617) 349-4499

acorbeil@cambridgema.gov

The Middle School Partnership Program at the Gately Youth Center is a new initiative of the Department of Human Service Programs. The program (a collaboration between the Youth Programs, Community Schools, Child Care and the Peabody School) engages 6th to 8th graders in creating and implementing their own after school and summer opportunities. From designing the space to planning events to hiring teachers, the youth have a strong voice in the program. Additionally, the youth have many adults working with them to ensure their academic, social and emotional needs are fulfilled. The Middle School Clubhouse is a space that is welcoming, safe and fun for middle schoolers and their friends to socialize, learn and grow. Last year, more than 60 young people participated in the program!

#### Peabody Afterschool Childcare Program

70 Rindge Ave, Cambridge, MA 02140

The Afterschool Program is designed to meet a child's need for both independent and structured activities. The multi-cultural curriculum encompasses a wide range of child-directed and teacher directed activities such as science, literacy, drama, ethnic cooking, and the sharing of traditions. Challenging indoor and outdoor games are provided as well as quiet time and homework time. A nutritious snack is served each afternoon. Enrollment is ongoing but programs often have waitlists. There are two classrooms, one for children entering Kindergarten through second grade and one for children second grade through fifth grade. The program hours are 1:55 p.m. to 5:55 p.m. For more information call (617) 349-6276 or contact the Childcare Program Enrollment Coordinator at (617) 349-6254.





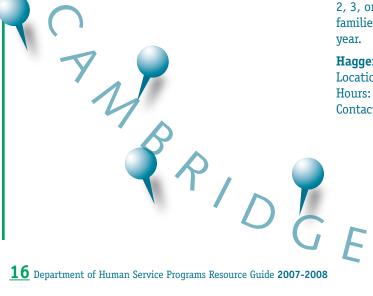
# **Early Childhood Services**

The Department of Human Service Programs Childcare Division manages Preschool Childcare Programs for children ages 2.9 - 5 years (not yet in kindergarten). Group sizes do not exceed 16 children. Programs are located in elementary schools. Enrollment is on-going. Many programs have wait lists; families are encouraged to seek enrollment well in advance of the anticipated start date.

#### **Tuition Assistance:**

Families may be eliqible for partial subsidy of childcare services through the City's Scholarship Fund. To apply for assistance, complete and return the Tuition Assistance Request Form (request at time of enrollment.) When your application is received, you will be contacted with further information. Verification of financial information will be required. Families of preschool age children may be eliqible for Department of Early Education and Care or Cambridge Community Partnership subsidy. Assistance is provided on a sliding fee scale to families that meet both financial and service need eligibility quidelines. Please contact the Enrollment Co ordinator for eligibility quidelines. We accept childcare vouchers. The Childcare Resource Center Scholarship Fund is another source of financial support. Call (617) 547-1063 for details.

For further information, contact the Enrollment Co ordinator at (617) 349-6254, or stop by our offices at 51 Inman Street, Cambridge. All Programs are licensed through the Department of Early Education and Care. Base rates are set for Preschool and monthly fees are determined by a family's income.



#### **Full Year Preschools:**

The M.L. King, King Open, Morse, Peabody, and East Cambridge Preschool Programs are year-long, full-day programs. Enrollment is on-going throughout the year.

#### **Peabody Preschool**

Location: 70 Rindge Ave. Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Contact: (617) 349-6275

#### M.L. King Preschool

Location: 1 Magee Street Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Contact: (617) 349-6270

#### King Open Preschool

Location: 850 Cambridge Street Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Contact: (617) 349-6261

#### Morse Preschool

Location: 40 Granite Street Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Contact: (617) 349-4485

#### **East Cambridge Preschool**

Location: 158 Spring Street Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Contact: (617) 349-4484

The Haggerty Preschool Program is a **school-year**, halfday program. Parents have the option of enrolling for 2, 3, or 5 mornings per week. Enrollment is on-going; families may apply for enrollment at any time during the

#### **Haggerty Preschool**

Location: 110 Cushing Street Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Contact: (617) 349-6265



# Early Childhood Services - continued

#### **Center for Families**

51 Inman Street, Cambridge, MA 02139 (617) 349-3002
Center for Families (N. Cambridge office) c/o Peabody School
70 Rindge Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02140 centerforfamilies@cambridgema.gov (617) 349-6385
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/families.cfm

The Center for Families' provides support to Cambridge parents and caregivers in raising and nurturing their children. The program offers fun and educational activities and resources for families with young children ages 0-6. The primary program components are:

- Information and assistance in finding community resources for all family members
- Parent/caregiver support groups and parenting education workshops
- Activities for children and their parents / cargivers such as playgroups
- Community-building activities to bring families together
- Outreach to share information and resources with families throughout the community

The Center for Families serves families of children ages 0 to 6 in Cambridge. Many programs and services are offered through collaborations with community-based organizations. Activities take place in locations throughout Cambridge including schools, libraries, youth centers, housing complexes, community centers, and local agencies. The Center for Families receives funds from city, state and federal sources for the extension of family support programs to all parts of the city.

For information about the Center for Families and related family support programming throughout the city, or to receive the program's informative newsletter, the Cambridge Family News, contact: Jenn Kapuscik, Director, Center for Families (617) 349-3002, email: jkapuscik@cambridgema.gov

#### Cambridge Kids' Council

51 Inman Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
Contact: Executive Director, Mary Wong
(617) 349-6239
mwong@cambridgema.gov

The Coordinating Council for Children, Youth and Families (Cambridge Kids' Council), established in 1991, is a City board dedicated to improving the quality of life for its children and their families through making policy recommendations and setting up programs and services. The Council brings together parents, community organizations, top City officials, and representatives of philanthropy, business, and universities to advocate for the well being of Cambridge children. Four current major initiatives of the Kids' Council to achieve its mission are:

#### **Centers for Families**

Centers for Families is an initiative to develop school-linked, neighborhood-based family support centers for all families, particularly to those with children from birth to age 5. By coordinating formal and informal resources, the centers will link families to a full range of services to support them in nurturing their young children. The initiative began with the establishment of the Center for Families of North Cambridge in 1994. Ongoing efforts to expand family support activities across the city continue.

#### Agenda for Children

Introduced to the city in 1997, this initiative is to bring together different city departments, community-based organizations, businesses, philanthropies, and residents to ensure that our city's children are healthy and successful in school while living in strong communities. A special feature of this initiative is Community Engagement, to ensure community involvement in the planning and implementation of the initiative's two goals.

#### Goal #1

Children and their families will be able to read.

**Objectives** 

- That parents and primary caregivers be supported in their role as primary and continuous teachers of language.
- That childcare workers and teachers be supported in their role in developing literacy and have the necessary tools.

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- That children have access to necessary resources to practice literacy activities.
- That children who might experience difficulty learning to read and write be identified early and receive support.

119 Windsor Street, Ground Level Cambridge, MA 02139 (617) 665-3827

#### Goal #2

Children and youth will have equal access to safe, stimulating, nurturing and healthful out-of-school time activities.

#### **Objectives**

- That families and service providers improve their connection to one another.
- That the service providers strengthen operational infrastructure through partnerships.
- That all programs strive for the highest quality through innovative programs.

Susan Richards, Out-of-School Time Coordinator 51 Inman Street Cambridge, MA 02139 (617) 349-4099 sscott@cambridgema.gov

#### Youth Involvement

Began in 2001, this initiative is to develop a group of young people working with adult supporters to increase youth participation in the civic life of Cambridge. The initiative's quiding principles are:

- To have as many youth participate in opportunities created by and for young people
- To ensure diverse representation of youth throughout the city of Cambridge.

The goals of the initiative are to have youth develop leadership skills, voices to raise issues that are important to them, solutions to those issues, and a vehicle for youth decision-making in the city. Youth ages 14 to 18 are recruited to participate in the planning and implementation of short and long term projects. Ongoing recruitment of youth as well as parents and other adults to join the effort are conducted to ensure diverse representation and to strengthen youth to parent and adult connections.

# Policy Plan for Inclusion of Children & Families with Disabilities

In November 2002, the need for a citywide policy plan for inclusion of children and youth with disabilities in Out-of-school time programs and activities was identified. The Kids' Council formed a subcommittee in February 2004 to develop the Cambridge Policy Plan for Inclusion of Individuals with Disabilities in Out-of-School Time Programs. In February 2006, the Cambridge City Council and School Committee unanimously adopted that Policy Plan, making it an official City policy. The next step on this effort will be to implement and inform the community about the Policy Plan.

In addition to these four major initiatives, the Kids' Council is working on several other efforts to respond to the needs facing our city's children. Parents and interested parties are invited to attend the Kids' Council meetings and participate in the Council's working groups. Please contact us for additional information.





# Adult/Family Education & Employment

#### **Community Learning Center**

19 Brookline St., 2nd floor Cambridge, MA 02139 (617) 349-6363

The Community Learning Center offers free classes for adults in the morning, afternoon, and evening. Classes are small and informal and students progress at their own pace.

For registration information, call (617) 349-6363 or come to the Learning Center Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. or Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Everyone is given an interview and diagnostic test to decide on the best class placement.

#### ESOL: English for Speakers of Other Languages

We offer 7 levels of English conversation, grammar, reading, and writing.

#### Reading, Writing, And Mathematics

We have classes at 5 levels, from beginning reading and math to high school level.

#### **High School Programs**

We have 2 programs to help adults complete their high school education:

#### **GED Program**

The GED program prepares students to pass 5 multiplechoice tests which are given at an official test center. The Massachusetts Department of Education awards a high school equivalency diploma to everyone who passes.

#### **Adult Diploma Program**

Adults who want to earn their high school diploma through Cambridge Rindge and Latin School work with diploma consultants to earn high school credit for life experience skills and coursework. They need to pass tests in reading, writing, U.S. history, and mathematics. Cambridge residents or former students from Cambridge Public High School are eligible. Students under age 23 must have passed the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exam. Students 23 years of age or older will be required to either pass MCAS or an MCAS Appeals Portfolio in addition to our other graduation requirements.

#### **Tutoring**

Enrolled students have the opportunity to meet oneon-one with a tutor for extra help with class work.

#### Counseling

Educational and career counseling is provided for all students to help with successful participation in the educational program and with taking the next step after completing the program.

#### **Computer Instruction**

Students can practice their reading, writing, and math skills on a computer and learn basic computer operations and word processing skills. Classes are limited to students enrolled in other CLC classes.

#### **CHA Gateways**

English as a Second Language and computer classes are offered at the Jefferson Park Housing Development and 119 Windsor Street. Participants must be public housing or Section 8 tenants. Enrollment is continuous throughout the year. Call John Galli at (617) 497-4411.

#### **CHA Computer Classes**

10-week basic computer classes are offered at Jefferson Park Housing Development and 119 Windsor Street. Participants must be public housing or Section 8 tenants. Call John Galli at (617) 497-4411.

#### **ESOL Family Literacy**

Family literacy classes are for parents of Cambridge children. In addition to studying ESOL, students learn how to help their children succeed in school, hear from guest speakers on parenting topics, participate in interactive literacy activities with their children, and meet with other parents through family gatherings. One class meets in North Cambridge at the Peabody School in the morning. Another class meets in East Cambridge in the evening at the King Open School. For more information, contact Felipe Vaquerano at (617) 349-6371.

#### **Bridge to College**

The Bridge Program helps students improve their skills and knowledge to be better prepared for college. Students develop their writing, math, study skills, and computer skills and learn about college applications and financial aid. Students must have a high school diploma or GED. Call (617) 349-6363 and ask for Kate Hallen.









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# Adult/Family Education & Employment - continued

#### Citizenship

The Learning Center offers an evening class for intermediate and advanced ESOL students. The class meets twice a week for six hours per week. Students work on speaking and listening skills, and learn about United States government and history. Call (617) 349-6363.

#### **ESOL Network**

The ESOL Network liaison works with community groups, churches, and businesses to set up English Language programs throughout Cambridge. If any Cambridge organization is interested in providing ESOL classes at their site, they should contact Karen Ebbitt at (617) 349-6363 or (617) 349-6370.

#### **Adult Education For The Homeless**

Project LIFT provides outreach, educational assessments, counseling, class placement and individualized classes for homeless adults. Contact Nellie Dedmon at (617) 349-6363 or (617) 349-6367.

#### Office of Workforce Development

The Office of Workforce Development (OWD) works to expand employment and training opportunities for all Cambridge residents. OWD also coordinates the services of local employment and training providers, collaborates with the schools, employers and community-based organizations and provides residents with information and referrals to programs.

#### Adult Component 18+.

The Adult Component of OWD coordinates access to services for Cambridge residents and provides information and referrals to jobs, job training and education through the Cambridge Employment Program (CEP).

#### Cambridge Employment Program (CEP)

51 Inman Street, 1st floor Cambridge, MA 02139

The Cambridge Employment Program (CEP) offers Cambridge residents the following services:

- information about employment, job training and education opportunities
- personalized job counseling and referral
- assessment of interests, skills and work/life history
- work-readiness activities
- job placement

There is no charge for services. If you have general questions about CEP, are seeking information or would like to make an appointment for services, please call CEP (617) 349-6166.

#### **Career Source**

186 Alewife Brook Parkway Cambridge, MA 02138

#### What they do:

Career Source is a one stop career center that offers job seekers assistance with their search for employment. Career Source offers the following services at no cost:

- Job search assistance
- Resume preparation
- Job openings throughout the state
- Information on education and training programs
- Information on eligibility for training programs
- Information about financial aid for training programs
- Workshops on networking, interviewing, stress management, career exploration and more
- Access to an on-site library with a variety of career resources
- A computer lab where job seekers can write their resumes and cover letters

Additional, fee-based services are available for selected classes and services.

#### You are eligible if you are:

Interested in job search assistance. Eligibility for selected services varies

For more information: Call (617) 661-7867

#### **Bunker Hill Community College**

Cambridge Satellite Campus Cambridge Rindge and Latin School 459 Broadway Cambridge, MA 02138

#### What they do:

Provide a local and affordable option for post-secondary education.

#### You are eliqible if you are:

Interested in taking college courses in Cambridge. (To earn a degree or certificate, you must apply for admission.)



# Adult/Family Education & Employment - continued

To apply: The fall semester begins in September; the spring semester begins in January. Pick up forms at the Registrar's Desk at the Charlestown campus, 250 New Rutherford Ave., Boston.

For more information, call: Susan Mintz, Adult Employment Director (617) 349-6070.

#### **Cambridge Works and Learns Directory**

The Office of Workforce Development publishes a directory with information on youth and adult employment programs, job placement assistance, job training and certificate programs and adult education programs on an annual basis. For a copy, please call (617) 349-6234.

#### Community Schools Enrichment Courses

Below are the Community Schools that offer enrichment classes for adults. Contact the individual School for their Fall brochure or visit us online at www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2

Cambridgeport (617) 349-6307; 89 Elm St. – Mid Cambridge/Area IV

Fitzgerald (617) 349-6302; 70 Rindge Ave. – North Cambridge

Fletcher/Maynard (617) 349-6295; 225 Windsor St. – Mid Cambridge/Area IV

Haggerty (617) 349-6264; 110 Cushing St. – West Cambridge

Harrington (617) 349-6305; 850 Cambridge St. – East Cambridge

Kennedy-Longfellow (617) 349-6308; 158 Spring St. – East Cambridge

Linneaen (617) 349-6267; 44 Linnaean St. – Agassiz/Neighborhood Nine

Longfellow (617) 349-6260; 359 Broadway – Mid Cambridge/ Area IV

Tobin (617) 349-6300; 197 Vassal Ln. – West Cambridge

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# Youth Employment

#### Youth Employment Center (YEC), R121

Cambridge Rindge and Latin School 459 Broadway Cambridge, MA 02138

YEC offers these services:

- referrals to youth employment programs
- applications and information about youth employment and training programs
- counseling and workshops on resume writing, career exploration, and job readiness

You are eligible if you are:

- 14 21 years old
- A Cambridge resident

For more information, call: Cherie Coulson, Youth Employment Coordinator Director of Youth Programs (617) 349-6234

#### Cambridge Neighborhood Service Project

Office of Workforce Development 51 Inman Street Cambridge, MA 02139

#### What they do:

The Office of Workforce Development (OWD), in collaboration with the City's Youth Centers, has developed a community service/learning project for youth ages 14 - 15 as an extension of the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program (MSYEP). The focus of the program is to introduce young people to the world of work through neighborhood service/learning projects. Youth are paid a stipend for their participation in the project. The program operates February-May. Applications are available in Mid-December.

#### The projects will:

- Serve the community in some way
- Produce a tangible product at the end (exhibit, video, booklet, etc.)
- Provide youth with career awareness workshops and guest speakers
- Furnish youth with skills needed to succeed in the workplace (e.g. research skills, team work, oral and written communication skills, work maturity, etc.)

#### You are eligible if you are:

- 14 15 years old
- A Cambridge resident

For more information, call: Cherie Coulson, Youth Employment Coordinator (617) 349-6234

#### Fall Youth Employment Program

#### What they do:

The Fall Youth Employment Program (FYEP) is a small, school-year version of the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program (MSYEP). Only youth who participated in the 2004 MSYEP are eligible to apply for one of 25 slots in FYEP. Applications are mailed to all eligible youth in September. Students work 10 hours per week for 9 weeks and earn minimum wage. Available jobs include office work, childcare and more.

#### You are eligible if you are:

- 14 or 15 years old
- A Cambridge resident
- A recent participant in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program

For more information, call: George Hinds, Youth Services Coordinator (617) 349-6234

#### TeenWork Just A Start

Just-A-Start Corporation 432 Columbia Street, Unit 12 Cambridge, MA 02141

#### What they do:

- Teach job skills
- Provide jobs in the private sector

#### You are eligible if you are:

- A Cambridge resident
- 16 21 years old
- In high school
- Overall passing grades of 75% (C+) or better
- School attendance of 85% or better

#### To apply:

Pick up an application at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School's Youth Employment Center, R121.

For more information, call: Susan Mooney, Program Coordinator (617) 494-0444 x315





# Youth Employment - continued

#### City Links Cambridge Community Services

99 Bishop Allen Drive Cambridge, MA 02139

City Links is an internship program offered to new immigrant students at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. Students are placed in year-long paid internships in the public sector (sites) and are matched with adult mentors. Students receive training in job-readiness, government, leadership, career guidance and counseling, higher education preparation and academic support (tutoring).

#### **Eligibility**

Juniors or seniors who are bilingual.

#### **Program Dates**

Cycle begins each September and runs throughout the school year into the summer.

#### **Application Process**

Pick up an application at the CRLS International Student & Family Center (R312) or call CCS (below).

Contact Sandra Cañas, Program Director (617) 876-5214

#### The Work Force Program

Cambridge Housing Authority 675 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139

#### What they do:

- Teach job skills and life skills
- Provide jobs
- Help with school work
- Provide MCAS prep
- Provide information about college opportunities

#### You are eligible if you are:

- 13 19 years old
- Living in Cambridge Housing Authority public housing
- Attending school

#### To apply:

Contact the Work Force office closest to where you live.

119 Windsor St. (617) 499-7107 Jefferson Park (617) 499-7110 Roosevelt Towers (617) 499-7169

For more information, call: John Lindamood, Program Director (617) 499-7159.

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#### YouthBuild Just A Start

1175 Cambridge St. Cambridge, MA 02139

#### What they do:

- Help plan work and life goals
- Provide basic and vocational education leading to a GED or high school diploma
- Provide leadership development and peer support groups
- Provide job readiness and life skills workshops
- Provide hands-on, construction related work experience building low-income housing
- Provide help seeking further training, education or work
- Provide opportunities to earn AmeriCorps scholarship money

#### You are eligible if you are:

- 17-24 years old
- Have dropped out of school
- Unemployed/eliqible to work in the U.S.

#### To apply:

Complete application at YouthBuild office at 1175 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02139

For more information, call: Sarcha, (617) 492-1460 x10

# Personal and Career Exploration Program (PACE)

The Personal and Career Exploration Program (PACE) program is for Cambridge residents ages 16 – 19 who are enrolled in high school. The program, offered three times per school year, helps students understand and promote their own skills and career interests, while also exposing them to the rules and expectations of the adult/professional world of work. Students attend six two hour workshops, participate in a mock interview session and tour a local company to increase their knowledge of various careers and practice their communication skills. Participants receive a \$100 stipend upon completion of the program.

#### You are eliqible if you are:

- 16 19 years old
- Enrolled in high school

#### To apply:

Pick up an application at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School's Youth Employment Center, R121

For more information, call: Cherie Coulson, Youth Employment Coordinator (617) 349-6234

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### Recreation

#### War Memorial Facility

1640 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA

(617) 349-6279 Information Line

Contact: Donna Cameron.

(617) 349-6237

The War Memorial Facility is scheduled for major renovations beginning in the summer of 2007, and will be closed until September, 2008. During the renovation period, programs will be offered in the Field house and a limited number of swimming programs will be scheduled offsite. Please contact (617) 349-6279 for further information and to request a brochure.

#### City of Cambridge Road Race

The twenty-second annual City of Cambridge Five Mile Roadrace and Walk will be held April 2008. Please contact Paul Ryder for race details at (617) 349-6229.

#### **Field Permits**

Field permits are available for Cambridge residents, organizations or companies for athletic use of Cambridge fields. Resident and organization fees are \$75 for a two hour period. Contact: Kevin Clark at (617) 349-6238

#### **Special Needs Programs**

#### Afterschool Program

Ages 6-15

Location: Gately Youth Center

70R Rindge Ave. Cambridge, MA

Contact: David Tynes at (617) 349-6829.

Transportation for Cambridge residents is provided to the program by the School Department. Cambridge Recreation provides transportation home. Activities include arts & crafts, cooking, basketball and roller-skating.

Fee: \$60 for 30 weeks. Monday and Wednesday from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Begins September 2007 and ends June 2008.

#### Young Adult Program

Ages 16 and above

Location: Gately Youth Center and

War Memorial Pool

September 2007 - June 2008

Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$60 for 30 weeks.

Contact: David Tynes at (617) 349-6829

Monday nights, students bowl at the Somerville Bowling Alley. Wednesday nights, students swim (location to be determined).

Transportation is provided to and from the program by Cambridge Recreation.

#### **Saturday Program**

Ages: 6 - 22

Location: Gately Youth Center

70R Rindge Avenue

Cambridge, MA

September 2007 - June 2008

Saturdays from 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$90 for 30 weeks.

Contact: David Tynes at (617) 349-6829

Transportation is provided for Cambridge residents. Activities include: arts and crafts, cooking, basketball, roller-skating, and swimming.

### Mayor Thomas W. Danehy Park



99 Sherman Street (617) 349-4895

Mayor Thomas W. Danehy park is built on a former municipal landfill in North Cambridge. The City of Cambridge, in need of additional open space and recreational facilities, turned a potential liability into a significant asset by recycling the 50 acre site for recreational use. Cambridge is the first community in Massachusetts to successfully complete such a project. Open year round, the fifty acre park includes: tot lots, Wheeler Water Garden, picnic areas, soccer and softball fields. Permits are required for use of the athletic fields, Contact Kevin Clark, (617) 349-6238 for permits.

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#### Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr./Fresh Pond **Golf Course**



695 Huron Avenue

Pro-Shop (617) 349-6282

Nine hole municipal golf course open from early April through December.

Sunday-Saturday 6:30 a.m. - Dusk Golf Pro: Bob Carey (617) 349-6282

\*Note: Fees subject to change for 2008 season

Yearly Fee Schedule

Resident \$680. Non-Resident \$1040. Senior Res One \$325.

tee off before noon, M-F (no pass on weekends & holi-

days)

Senior Res. Plus \$480.

tee off anytime during wk & after 12:00 on weekends &

holidavs

Junior Resident \$275.

Must tee off by 4 PM M-F, No tee off before 2 p.m. weekends & holidays

Junior Non-Res \$420. Monthly Res \$325.

Monthly Non-Res \$550.

**Daily Rates** 

Monday-Friday: 9 holes \$21., 18 holes \$31.

Saturday, Sunday & Holidays: 9 holes \$25., 18 holes \$37.

Residents Daily\*: 9 holes \$18., 18 holes \$28.

\*Monday - Friday only

\*Family Resident (first adult pays full membership, each additional member \$25. discount per membership)

Note: Reduced daily fee for Cambridge Seniors and Juniors for 9 holes only on Monday-Friday before 1:00 p.m. - \$12.

#### **Cambridge Youth Athletics**

**Information & Registration** 

Baseball/Little League

(Spring/Summer) Ages: 12 and under

**Central Division** 

Contact: Marc McGovern (617) 642-1731

**East Division** 

Contact: Donald Down (617) 868-5665

**North Division** 

Contact: Ron Slager (617) 547-1578

**West Division** 

Contact: Ed Chaisson (781) 891-4040

**Babe Ruth Baseball** 

(Spring/Summer) Ages: 13 - 15

Contact: George Alexander (617) 864-1336

**Shoot Straight** 

(Winter) Grades: 3 - 6

Contact: Bob Goodwin (617) 349-6228

Hockey

(Fall/Winter) Ages: 5 - 14

Contact: Jim Coleman (617) 661-6533

Pop Warner and Cheerleading (Fall) Ages: 7 - 14

Info Line: (617) 576-1441

Soccer

Youth Soccer (Spring/Fall) Ages: 6 - 18 Contact: Sue Ruff (617) 491-5820

Softball

Girls Softball (Spring) Ages: 9 - 14 Contact: Peter Payack (617) 492-2913

Track and Field

Contact; Curtis and Kim Jackman (781) 933-2644

### **Senior Services**

#### **Council on Aging**

#### **Social Services**

The Council on Aging offers a variety of benefits and services for Cambridge residents age 60 and over. Many of these services are listed below, and are available to any senior, regardless of whether they use the Senior Centers. Questions or concerns regarding any programs, services or issues related to the elderly may be directed to the Council on Aging Director, the Director of Client Services, or the Information and Referral Specialist at (617) 349-6220.

#### **Citywide Senior Center**

The Cambridge Senior Center at 806 Massachusetts Ave. is open to all Cambridge seniors seven days a week. It offers drop-in services, meals, a food pantry, a wide range of social services and recreational programs. Classes include Yoga, Computers, Dancing, Ceramics, Bingo, Exercise, Health and Wellness Lectures, Walking Club, Tai Chi, art classes, and much more. The Center also has a library area, pool tables, an open-air deck, and space to relax and to be with friends. The Senior Center a meals program 365 days a year. A hot breakfast and lunch are served 7 days a week and dinner is served Monday evenings.

Hours are Monday, 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more information, call (617) 349-6060.

#### North Cambridge Senior Center

Located at 2050 Massachusetts Ave., the center offers a wide variety of social, educational and recreational programming. Hot lunches are served daily. Programs include Bingo, computer classes, Bridge, Spanish, Watch Our Weight (WOW) group, exercise, stretch, whist, vision support groups, crafts, afternoon teas, yoga, dance, men's groups, movies and community trips.

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call (617) 349-6320.

#### Newslines

Subscribe to the Council on Aging monthly newsletter for \$6.00 a year. Newslines contains articles of interest on health care, housing, benefits, volunteer opportunities, fitness, current legislation, and a calendar of ongoing and special events at the senior centers. Call Pat Johnson at (617) 349-6220.

#### **Benefits Counseling**

Counseling regarding Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap insurances and HMO's is available by appointment at the Senior Centers. Call Caryn Eichenbaum at (617) 349-6220.

#### **Substance Abuse Services for Seniors**

Outreach, counseling, home visits, education, and support groups are available to Cambridge elders experiencing alcohol and/or drug problems or medication misuse. Call the Substance Abuse Counselor at (617) 349-6222.

#### **Housing Assistance Program**

Services available to seniors seeking affordable housing include advocacy, listing of available housing, help in completing forms, interviews and work with landlords. Contact Elder/Disabled Housing Specialist at 19 Brookline St., (617) 349-6340

#### **Medical Transportation**

Door-to-door transportation available for medical trips locally and to Boston. Call SCM at (617) 625-1191 well in advance for reservations.

#### **Shopping Shuttle**

Transportation for shopping and mall trips is available for those unable to use public transportation. For grocery shopping call SCM at (617) 625-1191, for mall trips call the COA at (617) 349-6220.

#### **Senior Food Pantry**

Food Pantry is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and eligible seniors can visit one of those days to receive fresh produce and canned foods. Call (617) 349-6060, and ask to speak to the Food Pantry Coordinator.

#### **Postal Carrier Alert Program**

Carrier Alert is a free program that offers homebound adults an extra measure of security. This program will have your letter carrier check and make sure you pick up your mail from your mailbox. To obtain more information call, Liz Seelman at (617) 349-6220.

#### Senior Mens' Group

A program just for men. Monthly free men's breakfast, pizza and movies; trips and outings. Call Angela Owens at (617) 349-6060.

#### Outreach

Council on Aging speakers are available to groups for information about services and benefits available to Cam-





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bridge seniors. To schedule a speaker, please call the COA Director at (617) 349-6220.

#### File of Life

Individuals who are 60 and over or disabled may receive a free File of Life Kit, a magnet card for your refrigerator or wallet holder for vital personal medical information for use in emergencies. Call Susan Pacheco at (617) 349-6220 for more information.

#### Snow, Recycling & Trash Exemptions

Individuals 60 and over or disabled and unable to comply with snow removal, recycling or trash removal requirements may apply to the Council on Aging for an exemption. We also can assist with finding snow shovelers. Call the COA at (617) 349-6220.

#### **Discount Programs**

#### Taxi coupons

Cambridge residents 60 and over or disabled may get free coupon booklets for reduced taxi fares. Call (617) 349-6220.

#### **Buylines cards**

Discounts for some stores and services are available to Cambridge residents over 60. Free parking is also available in the supervised municipal lots. Call (617) 349-6220.

#### **Multi-Cultural Programs**

#### Haitian Elder Program

"Grandet An Aksion" offers services, lunch, speakers, and recreational activities for Haitians 50 and over. The program is held at the Citywide Senior Center at 806 Mass Ave. Thursdays, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. Call Emma Watkins at (617) 349-6060 for reservations. Transportation is provided.

#### The African-American Seniors Program

The program's goal is to provide a culturally sensitive social service, recreational and educational program. Group activities highlight the cultural and historical contributions of Blacks in this Country and the world. For more information, contact Emma Watkins at (617) 349-6060.

English as a Second Language classes offered several times per week at various skill levels. Call (617) 349-6060.

#### Asian Elder Program

A monthly program for Asian American Elders which offers social services, socialization, lunch and speakers. The monthly membership meeting takes place at the Citywide Senior Center at 806 Massachusetts Avenue on the third Friday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Individual public benefits counseling available. For more information, call (617) 349-6060.

#### Portuguese Information & Referral

Information and referral and benefits counseling is available to Portuguese speakers. Call Susan Pacheco, Director of Client Services at (617) 349-6220.

#### Latino Senior Program

Informal program that meets weekly to offer Spanish-speaking seniors the opportunity to socialize and dialogue in their native language. The group is coordinated by a Spanish-speaking volunteer who, along with members of the group, plans educational and recreational activities for the group. For more information contact Arline McGrady at (617) 349-6060.

#### Community Schools Senior Programming

Below are the Community Schools that offer Senior Programs. Contact the individual School for their Fall brochure or visit us online at www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2

Cambridgeport: (617) 349-6307; 89 Elm St.- Mid Cambridge/Area IV

**Fitzgerald** (617) 349-6302; 70 Rindge Ave. – North Cambridge

Fletcher/Maynard (617) 349-6295;

225 Windsor St. - Mid Cambridge/Area IV

Haggerty (617) 349-6264; 110 Cushing St. - West Cambridge

Harrington

(617) 349-6305; 850 Cambridge St. - East Cambridge

Kennedy-Longfellow (617) 349-6308; 158 Spring St. – East Cambridge

Linneaen (617) 349-6267; 44 Linnaean St. - Agassiz/Neighborhood Nine

Longfellow (617) 349-6260;

359 Broadway - Mid Cambridge/ Area IV

Tobin (617) 349-6300;

197 Vassal Ln. – West Cambridge

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#### **Multi-Service Center**

19 Brookline Street, Cambridge, MA 02139 Contact (617) 349-6340, TTY/TDD: (617) 349-6330, FAX: (617) 349-6333

The Cambridge Multi-Service Center (MSC) is a collaboration of programs sponsored by the City and other community agencies to address the needs of homeless and near-homeless families and individuals in our community through direct services, planning and coordination.

#### **City Programs**

- Human Services Case Managers are available to homeless persons, those at risk of becoming homeless, or other Cambridge individuals or families in need of short-term counseling, assistance with housing concerns or referrals to a variety of services, including food pantries, job training and benefits programs.
- **The Transitional Housing Program** offers case management and rooms for men for a transitional period in partnership with the YMCA.
- The Elderly/Disabled Housing Assistance specialist provides advice, counseling, assistance with applications, and advocacy for Cambridge elders (55+) and disabled persons. Although geared toward homeless persons, assistance is available for others with applications to the Cambridge Housing Authority and to other subsidized housing as well.
- The Housing Assistance Program provides Housing Search, stabilization services, eviction prevention, information and assistance for Department of Transitional Assistance referred families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

#### **Community Agencies**

A **Shelter**, **Inc.** social worker at the MSC offers counseling, casework and referrals for current and former shelter guests. A staff representative from Shelter, Inc.'s Project Connect Voice Mail is also located at the MSC.

The Tri-City Mental Health and Retardation Center Mental Health Shelter Specialist is a clinical social worker who works closely with the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health and offers services to homeless persons from an office at the MSC.

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HomeStart provides housing search and follow-up services to homeless individuals.

**The Cambridge Student Partnership**, affiliated with the National Student Partnership, provides job readiness and other general social services to Cambridge residents.

Other supportive services are offered at the Multi Service Center by staff from the CASCAP Representative Payee Program, the Shelter Legal Assistance Services Project, the Cambridge/Somerville Legal Services and the North Charles Addiction Services.

The **Cambridge Haitian Services Collaborative** is a coalition of Haitian service providers who have come together to address the social service needs of the Haitian community in Cambridge, with an emphasis on Haitians serving Haitians. Contact (617) 349-6351.

Please call collaborative member **Haitian American Education and Development Association (HAEDA)** at (617) 349-6257 for a schedule of classes in English as a Second Language, Creole literacy, Math and Computer Skills.

#### The Cambridge Prevention Coalition (CPC)

51 Inman Street, Cambridge, MA 02139, (617) 349-6206, Fax: (617) 349-6357
Director: Gisela Rots
grots@cambridgema.gov
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/CPC.cfm

The Cambridge Prevention Coalition is an innovative community based program linking substance abuse prevention to a range of health promotion activities. The mission of the Coalition is to reduce substance abuse among Cambridge residents, particularly youth.

The Coalition has used different and varying methods aimed at reaching this goal. Our approaches have included: Leadership in establishing community norms discouraging teens and others from abusing substances, healthy lifestyles/substance abuse training for parents and youth, and server trainings to local bars and restaurants. The Coalition is engaged in an initiative called Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol (CMCA). This initiative includes a comprehensive array of community interviews with a particular emphasis on reducing youth access to alcohol.





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#### CambridgeSomervilleResourceGuide

51 Inman Street, Cambridge, MA 02139 (617) 349-6966, Fax: (617) 349-6357 Information & Referral Coordinator, Allyson Allen

Information on over 700 health and human services programs, primarily located in Cambridge or Somerville, is available online at the newly updated www.CambridgeSomervilleResourceGuide.org The programs listed include those offered by both public and private non-profit agencies, and are aimed at both consumers and providers of services. A companion print directory is available at agencies, libraries and other locations. People unable to access information online may contact the Information & Referral Coordinator for assistance.

Financial support for the database was provided by the Agenda for Children, along with the Cambridge Health Alliance/Somerville Community Health Foundation. Data collection and updates are the responsibility of the City of Cambridge Department of Human Service Programs Planning & Development Division and the Cambridge Health Alliance.

#### **Fuel Assistance**

51 Inman Street, Cambridge, MA 02139, (617) 349-6252

The Low Income Fuel Assistance Program assists with winter heating bills for people who fall below 200% of the Federal poverty guidelines.

Eligibility is based on household size and gross annual income of all household members 18 and over. Those eligible for fuel assistance also qualify for discount rates on telephone and utility bills, and can qualify for a variety of weatherization services.

The program operates between November 1 and April 30, and applications are taken by appointment at 51 Inman Street in Cambridge. Call (617) 349-6252 for further information or to book an appointment.

#### Commission for Persons with Disabilities

51 Inman Street, second floor Cambridge, MA 02139

Contact: Carolyn Thompson or Michael Muehe, (617) 349-4692 (voice) or (617) 492-0235 (TTY)

(This TTY number is a dedicated phone line for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, or who have a disability that requires use of a text telephone.)

People with disabilities face many obstacles in their efforts to be full and active members of society. There is a shortage of resources, and barriers to information and activities lead to isolation. But for over 25 years the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities has been working to eliminate these obstacles. Finding good employment is a particular challenge.

On Tuesday, October 16 the Commission will present a free program on Psychiatric Disabilities in the Workplace. This panel discussion is for City staff, employers, family members, co-workers, and individuals with psychiatric disabilities. It will be from 12 noon - 2 p.m. at 344 Broadway. A light lunch will be served.

On a daily basis Commission staff answer questions, provide information, referrals and technical assistance to individuals and their families, City departments, public agencies, businesses and private non-profit organizations. We promote equal opportunity and work to eliminate discrimination against individuals with all types of disabilities - physical, mental and sensory. Examples of our ongoing work include:

- Issue temporary Disability Parking Permits for use in Cambridge,
- Provide free taxi discount coupons to disabled Cambridge residents
- Work with City departments to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other state and federal disability rights laws.
- Teach disability awareness in workshops and presentations to children, adults, businesses, non-profits and City departments
- Advocate for improved access to housing, transportation, education, businesses, employment, and leisure time activities for people with disabilities.

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The goal of our 11-member advisory board, comprised primarily of individuals with disabilities, is to promote full participation for people with disabilities in all aspects of Cambridge community life. The Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Join us: the meetings include an opportunity for public comment. Our free AccessLetter is published six times a year and provides a calendar and news on a variety of disability related topics. Let us know if you want to subscribe. Check us out on the Web at <www. cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/disabilities.cfm.>

#### North Cambridge Crime Task Force

Located at the Larry Burke Police and Community Service Center

At 325 Rindge Avenue. (On the parking lot of the MDC Swimming Pool); Coordinator Shirley Santos Phone (617) 349-4293 E-mail ssantos@cambridgema.gov

The North Cambridge Crime Task Force was founded by a group of concerned neighborhood residents. With support from the Police Department, City Councillors and other City and State Officials we have worked to enhance neighborhood cohesion and address the issue of crime, especially drug-related crime in the community.

The North Cambridge Crime Task Force meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at different locations in North Cambridge. Participants at our meetings include: community residents, representatives of local businesses, clergy, the Police Department, City Council, Department of Human Services and other neighborhood organizations. Our meetings give participants an opportunity to discuss the issues of crime and disorder and to organize community activities that convey a strong prevention message. One of the many ways that we have served the community is sponsoring National Night Out Against Crime. The North Cambridge Night Out event is held on the first Tuesday in August.

#### Halloween Party

Wednesday, October 31 5:30pm-7:30pm At the Larry Burke Police and Community Service Center 325 Rindge Avenue

Bring the family and receive a goody bag, crime prevention material, coloring books and more. Meet McGruff the Crime Dog and his nephew Scruff. An entertainer will be on hand as well.

#### **Monthly Meetings**

The Task Force will hold monthly crime meetings on the following dates: Wednesday, September 19; Wednesday, October 17; Wednesday, November 21. Times to be announced. Call Shirley Santos at (617) 349-4293 for info.

#### **Cambridge Performance Project**

51 Inman Street, Cambridge, MA 02139, (617) 349-6235

The Cambridge Performance Project (CPP) is a non-profit organization founded in 1984. The mission of CPP is to provide high quality instruction and performance experience in dance, music, and theater for children, from every race, ethnicity, economic background, neighborhood and school in our city. We emphasize the creative process, and our goal is to encourage life-long understanding and appreciation of the arts.

This fall's offerings include: Hip Hop and Caribbean dances, Creative Movement and Ballet, Bilingual Theater, Drumming and Circus Arts! See our classes listed under most Community School sections of this guide.

For more information, call Judy Bibbins at (617) 349-6235.

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#### Center for Women and Enterprise

The Cambridge Community Development Department partners with the Center for Women & Enterprise to provide services to Cambridge residents, aspiring entre preneurs, and businesses. The following activities are offered free of charge to eligible Cambridge participants. Others interested in participating may be required to pay a small fee. Information sessions are free for everyone. Space is limited. To sign-up for activities, to check your eligibility, or to get more information, please contact the Economic Development Division at: (617) 349-4637 or rholmes@cambridge.ma.gov

Activities include: Exploring Entrepreneurship, Power up, Financing For Your Business, Making Your Money Work, Steps to Starting Your Own Business, Holiday Marketing Strategies, Como comenzar su negocio, Record Keeping for Small Business, Pricing Strategies, E-Marketing, and One-on-One Business Consulting Sessions

#### Girl Scouts, Patriots' Trail Council

95 Berkeley Street Boston, MA 02116 www.ptgirlscouts.org info@ptgirlscouts.org (617) 482-1078 or 800-882-1662

Days/Hours: Girl Scouts meet weekly or bi-monthly throughout the school year.

Age Range: Girl Scouts is open to all girls ages 5-17. Daisy Girl Scouts are ages 5-6, Brownie Girl Scouts are ages 6-8 and Junior Girl Scouts are ages 8-11. Older girls, ages 11-17, have a number of opportunities for participation in troops as well as individual and special programs.

About Girl Scouts: Today's Girl Scout enjoys access to a wide array of age appropriate programming that combines traditional favorites like selling cookies and camping with cutting edge activities.

Patriots' Trail Girl Scouts are participating in programs such as Car Care, which gives girls a chance to learn how a car works; Crime Solving, allowing girls to use their technology skills to solve a crime using our Computer Learning Center; and Scouting for the Cure, where girls learn about breast cancer prevention, awareness and education.

Fee: The membership fee is \$10, financial aid is available. For more information, please visit www.ptgirlscouts.org or call 800-882-1662.

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# Twelfth Annual Danehy Park Family Day

**September 29, 2007** 

Mark your calendar for the City's Twelfth Annual Danehy Park Family Day Saturday, September 29 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., featuring free T-shirts and kites, kite demonstrations, arts and craft, food, roving performers and music for all tastes.

Check out the interactive children's stage. Take a spin on the dance floor during the hip-hop dance instruction or take part in a magic show. Danehy Park is located at 99 Sherman Street in North Cambridge (adjacent to Garden and New Streets). This free event, sponsored by the City of Cambridge, attracts over 4,000 people annually and offers something for everyone.

Danehy Park is a 55-acre facility located in North Cambridge on Sherman, Garden and New Streets. Shuttle buses will be running throughout Cambridge to provide transportation. Danehy Park can be reached by public transportation: #74 bus or #78 bus from Harvard Square; #83 bus from Central Square; or take a shuttle bus from the Alewife MBTA Station. Picnics and lawn chairs are encouraged.